IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING & \* BEFORE THE ZONING VARIANCE Cor. E/S Goucher Blvd., N/S \* ZONING COMMISSIONER Putty Hill Road \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Towson Marketplace 9th Election District \* Case No. 93-360-SPHA 4th Councilmanic District Contract Purchaser: James Hemphill

Legal Owner: Bramalea Centers, Inc. Petitioner

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## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as both a Petition for Zoning Variance and Petition for Special Hearing for that property located at the northeast corner of Goucher Boulevard and Putty Hill Road in Towson. The property is known as Towson Marketplace Shopping Center.

Within the Petition for Variance, the property owner seeks relief from Section 409.8.A.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a 0 ft. setback for parking spaces from an existing road right-ofway in lieu of the required 10 ft.

As to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval of an amended site plan is requested. This property was the subject of prior zoning Petitions in case Nos. 74-143-R, 77-230-XA and 79-125-X.

The property was posted and the matter scheduled for the requisite public hearing. Appearing at the hearing was James Hemphill, Lessee of a small portion of the site which is the subject of this hearing. Also appearing was Kathleen McLaren and Rose Pishalski of Bromalea Centers, Inc., the owners of the shopping center. Paul Lee, the engineer who prepared the site plan, marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1, also appeared. The Petitioner was represented by Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire. Appearing as an interested person/Protestant was Robert S. Stefan of the Towson Estates Community Association.

Mr. Lee testified and presented the site plan. That plan shows that the site is 43.12 acres in area and is split-zoned, B.M., B.L.-CCC and D.R.5.5. As noted above, the site is a substantially sized tract which is improved with a number of retail/commercial uses collectively known as the Towson Marketplace (Eudowood Mall). Among the uses on site is a Montgomery Wards store, a Best Retail store, a Martin's Catering hall and a United States Post Office. The property was the subject of a zoning case No. 74-143-R in 1974. At that time, a rezoning of a portion of the property was approved for the Martin's Catering business. Subsequently, under case No. 77-230-XA, a parking variance for a portion of the property near Joppa Road was granted. Later, under case No. 79-125-X, a special exception for a service garage in the Montgomery Wards facility was approved. A site plan detailing the relief requested was submitted in all of these cases.

As Mr. Lee noted, the shopping center has been in existence for over 30 years. Mr. Hemphill operates an outdoor garden center on the southeast corner of the property. Mr. Lee also noted that the special hearing is needed to amend the site plan and show Mr. Hemphill's business. He proposes to construct a small office building at that location. Also, it was noted during the preparation of the amended site plan that a variance from Section 409.8.A.4 of the B.C.Z.R. is required. As the site plan shows, several of the parking spaces which serve the businesses in the center are located immediately adjacent to the right of way line of Putty Hill Road. Clearly, the variance is necessary only to legitimize an existing situation. That is, there are no proposed changes to the parking lot. Further, the existing lot appears to satisfactorily accommodate the parking needs of

Also testifying was James Hemphill, the owner of the garden center facility. He noted that his business is operated on a seasonal basis. He

sells, flowers, bushes and similar items. There are no power tools or heavy machinery sold from the site. As noted above, he proposes to construct a small office building which will total approximately 100 sq. ft. in area. This will be a permanent building to facilitate the garden center

Also testifying was Mr. Stefan from The Towson Estates Community Association. He referenced the Declaration and Agreement document which was offered as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 2. This document is recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County and reflects a number of restrictive covenants and agreements reached between the owners of the shopping center and the surrounding community associations. It is to be noted that the proposed relief which is sought in the instant case does not violate any of these restrictive covenants or easements. Mr. Stefan's appearance at the hearing was to ensure that the provisions of that document were not violated. He does not object, per se, to Mr. Hemphill's business and the relief which is necessary for that business to continue.

As to the Petition for Special Hearing, I am persuaded that same should be granted. The testimony and evidence offered was uncontradicted that an amendment to the site plan is both warranted and appropriate. Clearly, there will be no detrimental effect to the surrounding locale if the site plan is amended as shown. In fact, Mr. Hemphill's business provides a valuable service to the residential communities located near this locale. Certainly, there will be no adverse effect upon those communities pursuant to the standards set forth in Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R.

As to the zoning variance, I am likewise convinced that same should be granted. The testimony offered by the Petitioner was that the variance is necessary to legitimize an existing situation. Clearly, if the property owner was forced to reconfigure its parking lot to comply with the setback to the right-of-way distance regulation, a description of the parking scheme would result. This constitutes practical difficulty upon the Petitioner and his property which justifies the variance. As noted above, the uncontradicted testimony and evidence presented was sufficient to justify a finding that the provisions of Section 307 of the B.C.Z.R. were met. For the aforegoing reasons, I shall grant the relief requested.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 24 day of June, 1993 that a Petition for Variance from Section 409.8.A.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit a Oft. setback for parking spaces from existing right of way, in lieu of the required 10 ft., be and is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Petition for Special Hearing to amend the site plan in case Nos. 74-143-R, 77-230-XA and 79-125-X, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restriction which is a condition precedent to the relief granted herein.

> 1. The Petitioner may apply for his building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at his own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioner would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

> > Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 23, 1993

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-360-SPHA Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance James Hemphill, Contract Purchaser/Lessee, Petitioner Bramalea Centers, Inc., Legal Owner

Dear Mr. Borgerding:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petitions for Special Hearing and Variance have been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Kathi Z. McLaren, Manager, Bramalea Centers, Inc.

cc: Mr. Robert S. Stefan, The Towson Estates Community Assn.

Petition for Special Hearing to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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which is presently sened B.M., B.L.-C.C.C. & D.R.5.5 This Publica shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Managem The undereigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve to amend the site plan

> Case # 74-143 R # 77-230 XA # 79-125 X

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	I/We do scientify declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are th legal comerts) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Leuces:	Legal Owner(s):
James Hemphill	Bramalea Centers, Inc.
Signature James Hemphill	By: Jah Mchalen - Mcharen, Man
2220 Larchmont Drive	(Type or Print Name)
Fallston, Maryland 21047	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	Address Phone No.
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr.  (Type or Print Name)	City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted.
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Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Northeast corner of Goucher Blvd for the property located at and Putty Hill Road which is presently sened B.M., B.L.-

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

C.C.C. & I

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 409.8.A.4 of the BCZR to C.C.C. & D.R.5.5 permit a 0' setback for parking spaces from existing road r/w in lieu of required 10' (a variance of 10')

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (Indicate hardship or 1) Shape and configuration of the property; and 2) Such other and further reasons to be presented at the hearing.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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James Hemphill	Signature Kathi Zachmeier-McLaren, Manage
2220 Larchmont Drive	·
Address	(Type or Print Name)
Fallston, Maryland 21047	
City State Zipcode	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner:	
Francis X. Borgerding, Jr.	Address Phone No.
	Address Phone No
	City State Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted.
409 Washington Ave., Ste. 600	Francis X. Borgerding, Jr.
Address Phone No. Towson, MD 21204 296-6820	№409 Washington Ave., Suite 600
City State Zpcode	Towson, MD 21204 296-6820
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Paul Lee Engineering Inc. 410-821-5941

TOWSON MARKET PLACE NE CORNER GOUCHER BOULEVARD & PUTTY HILL ROAD NINTH ELECTION DISTRICT BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Beginning for the same at a point on the east side of Goucher Boulevard said point also being located northwesterly 120' + from the center of Putty Hill Road, thence binding on the east side of Goucher Boulevard,

- (1) North 04019'10" West 279.68 ' and by a curve to the left
- (2) R = 1965.00 ', L = 132.50', and

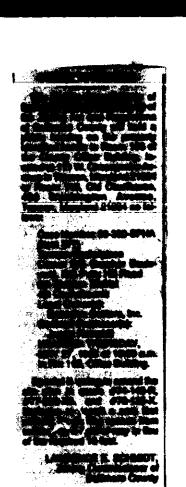
(3) North 07022'07" East 95.98'; thence leaving said east side of Goucher Boulevard and binding along the west boundary of said property and along a portion of the east side of Prince Road, (4) North 23038'33" East 1153.33', and (5) North 68036'24" East 33.18' to intersect the south side of Joppa Road; thence binding on the south side of Joppa Road the eight following courses and distances:

- (6) South 64<sup>0</sup>56'08" East 148.69'
- (7) South 50<sup>0</sup>41'08" East 36.53'
- (8) South 64<sup>0</sup>56'08" East 338.58' (9) North 25<sup>0</sup>03'52" Fast 9.00'
- (10) South 64056'08" East 301.19' and by a curve to the left
- (11) R = 4062.49', L = 19.99'
- (12) South 51°41'51" East 37.79' and by a curve to the left

(13)  $R = 4071.49^{\circ}$ ,  $L = 344.34^{\circ}$ ; thence leaving said south side of Joppa Road, (14) South 13<sup>0</sup>56'50" West 1132.47' to the north side of Putty Hill Road, thence binding on the north side of Putty Hill Road by a curve to the left (15) R = 1637.06L = 434.40', and (16) South 85°40'50" West 93.96', and (17) North 04°19'10" West 10.00', and (18) South 85°40'50" West 294.00', and (19) North 56°28'50" West 14.00', and (20) South 66°59'10" West 58.00', and (21) South 85°40'50" West 346.36', thence (22) North 49019'10" West 106.07' to the point of beginning.

Containing 43.120 acres +. Surveyors - Site Flanners

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## CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of \_\_\_ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 4129, 1993

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

May 20, 1993

Francis X. Borgerding, Jr., Esquire 409 Washington Avenue STE 600 Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-360-SPHA, Item No. 371 Petitioner: Bramalea Centers, Inc. Petition for Special Hearing and Variance

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Dear Mr. Borgerding:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on April, 16, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

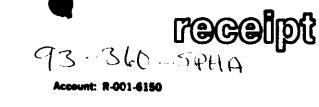
The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned soning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.



Date 4/15/93

Development Managemer



Item Number: 371 Taken In By: MTK

Contract Purchaser: James Hemphill Lejal Owner: Bramalea Centers, Inc. # 020 - Var. \_\_\_\_\_ 250.00 # 040 - Sp. Hearing #250. Or

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Maryland Department of Transportation

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to

approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

State Highway Administration

Ms. Helene Kehring

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

Administration projects.

Dear Ms. Kehring:

Room 109

Zoning Administration and

Development Management

111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

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VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

O. James Lighthizer

Hal Kassoff

3-20-93

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: #571 (ASE 95-360-SPHA)

**Baltimore County Government** Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

(410) 887-3353

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time
- Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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	ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
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Petitioner: James Hemphill	
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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

(410) 887-3353

APRIL 23, 1993 NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesupsake Avenue in Tousen, Haryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Haryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 93-360-SPHA (Item 371) Towson Marketplace Corner E/S Goucher Boulevard, E/S Putty Hill Road 9th Election District - 4th Councilmenic Legal Owner(s): Brameles Centers, Inc. Contract Purchser(s): James Hemphill HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1993 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 106, Office Building.

Special Hearing to amend the site plan in cases #74-143-R, #77-230-NA, and #78-125-N. Variance to permit a zero foot setback for parking spaces from existing road right-of-way on lieu of the required 10 feet.

Armold Jablon

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

MOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

BRITIMORE COUNTY, MARTLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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ზ	Zoning Advisory Committee	Date	April 29, 1	1993
	Captain Jerry Pfeifer	Date		

Fire Department Comments for 05/03/93 Meeting

No Comments Item 361 Item 362 No Comments Item 363 No Comments Item 364 No Comments Item 365 No Comments Item 366 No Comments

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Fire Hydrants are required on site. Item 370 State law requires townhouses, where permit is issued after 07/01/92, to be sprinklered.

Item 371 No Comments Item 372 No Comments

Existing exits shall be maintained to a Item 373 public way.



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Office of Planning and Zoning DATE: May 6. 1993 SUBJECT: Towson Market Place

B.M., B.L.-C.C.C. and D.R. 5.5

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

INFORMATION Item Number:

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Petitioner: Bramalea Centers, Inc.

Property Size:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The petitioner is requesting a Special Hearing to amend the site plan as approved in previous zoning hearings, Case Nos. 74-14R, 77-230XA, 78-125X and a Variance to permit a 0' setback for parking spaces from an existing road right-of-way in lieu of the required 10'.

It appears the request is to legalize an existing parking bay along Putty Hill Road. The O' setback Variance is not undesirable for a small parking bay provided it is consistent with the landscaping area required by Section 409.8.A.1 and the Landscape Manual. An amended landscape plan should be submitted to Avery

The outdoor sales area for Hemphill's appears to also be part of the request for the amended site plan. Clarify if this is a seasonal use or a year round use.

Division Chief: OMM L'CLIMA PK/JL:lw

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comply with all aspects of the moning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

May 26, 1993 Zoning Advisory Committee Captain Jerry Pfeifer Fire Department

Comments for 06/01/93 Meeting 93-360-5PHA - Bramlia Building shall be built in accordance with Item 410 the 1991 Life Safety Code. Item 411 Item 412 Item 413 If the building the canopy is attached to is sprinklered and the area under the canopy is Item 415

have to be sprinklered.

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to be used for storage, then the canopy would

TOWSON ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INC. RESOLVED: That at the December Towson Estates Association held on Tues., Dec. 8th, 1992, it was decided by the Association that responsibility for review and action on all zoning matters for the period Dec. 9th, 1992 to Sept. 30, 1993 be placed in the (Board of Directors) & (Zoning Committee) consisting of the following members: Pres.-Martha H. Clarke Vice Pres. - Carl Kent Secretary- Dan Hays Treasurer- Robert Stefan (Members at large- Janet Hebbel and Board of Tom King Sally Wessner Governors) 19<u>93</u>. Towson Estates ASSOCIATION, Inc. STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE I hereby certify that on the First of February, 1993, before me, a notary public of the State of Maryland, in and for Baltimore County, personally appeared Daniel Hays and Martha H. Clarke and made affirmation in due form of law that the matters and facts set forth above are true. As witness, my hand and notarial seal.

Patricia I Frame

My Commission expires 9/1/46

Notary Public Patricia F. Frame

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CITIZEN SIGN-IN SHEET

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## PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT NO. 2

NH/06-<u>13</u>-89 0087u

DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT

THIS DECLARATION AND AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made, this 31d day of August. 1989, by and among BRAMALEA LIMITED, an Ontario, Canada corporation ("Declarant"), and TOWSON ESTATES ASSOCIATION, INC., YASSOCIATES OF LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, INC., KNETTISHALL, FELLOWSHIP FOREST, CAMPUS HILLS and CROMWELL VALLEY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (collectively, "the Associations"). RECITALS

A. Declarant is the owner of 43.12 acres of land, more or less, situate and lying in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County, Maryland, bounded on the north by Joppa Road, on the east by an existing office park, on the South by Putty Hill Road, and on the West by Goucher Boulevard and Prince Road, all as more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Property"). The Property is developed with a retail shopping center commonly known as Towson Marketplace (the "Shopping Center").

B. The Associations are the representatives of their respective community groups, the members of which groups are the owners of residential real property located in Towson Estates, Loch Raven Village, Knettishall, Fellowship Forest, Campus Hills, and Cromwell Valley, residential communities located in the vicinity of the state of the st

C. The zoning classification applicable to portion of the Property is Business, Local-Commercial County Comprehensive Zoning Maps, said portion being

